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All SC Clam and Oyster Harvesting Areas to Close at Noon Friday

Columbia, S.C. (Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m.) - All South Carolina shellfish beds will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016 in advance of Hurricane Matthew. This precautionary action is being taken because of the likelihood of the occurrence of heavy rainfall and storm water runoff as a result of the storm.

“All oyster, clam and mussel harvest areas will be closed on Friday at noon and remain closed until evaluated and re-opened by the Department,” said Mike Pearson, manager of DHEC’s Shellfish Sanitation Program. “Individual areas will be opened as soon as conditions are acceptable for the harvest of shellfish.”

For more information about shellfish, see DHEC's shellfish webpage at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/shellfish>.

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